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ANNEX A

CHRONOLOGY

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JANUARY 1971

- 1 JAN - Leave and Upkeep, Newport, Rhode Island
- 18 JAN - USS LITTLE ROCK, COMCRUDESFLOT 10 & Staff, COMDESRON 20  
& Staff and COMCRUDESFLOT 2 visited ship

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FEBRUARY 1971

3 FEB - Underway for Prudence Island with Tug Assistance  
Moored Prudence Island. Unloaded Ammunition  
Underway for Newport, Rhode Island  
Moored Pier 1, Newport, Rhode Island



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MARCH 1971

- 11 MAR - Underway for Boston Naval Shipyard. Ship being Towed by USS PENOBSCOT (ATF-188).
- 12 MAR - FOX passed under Newport Bridge.  
FOX transitted Cape Cod Canal.  
Moored Boston Naval Shipyard, Boston, Mass.  
Commenced three month yard period.
- 20 MAR - FOX celebrates her 26th anniversary of her commissioning. Members of the family of MYLES C. FOX visited the ship.
- 22 MAR - FOX visited by COMONE - RADM J. C. WYLIE

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APRIL 1971

- 1 APR - FOX visited by COMDESDIV 202
- 9 APR - Underway from pier #1 to dry dock #1 Boston Naval Shipyard
- 16 APR - Change of Command ceremony at drydock #1.  
LCDR Gerald P. ASTORINO relieves CDR Joseph L. DICK  
as Commanding Officer of FOX.

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MAY 1971

MAY - Ship undergoing overhaul at Boston Naval Shipyard  
5 MAY -- Awards ceremony for FOX personnel aboard USS CONSTITUTION.  
27 MAY - Awards ceremony aboard FOX.



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JUNE 1971

- 1 JUN - Awards ceremony aboard FOX
- 4 JUN - Underway from drydock #1  
Moored pier #6 Boston Naval Shipyard
- 21 JUN - Underway for sea trials.  
Conducted various engineering and maneuvering drills
- 22 JUN - Moored Boston Naval Shipyard
- 29 JUN - Underway from Boston Naval Shipyard
- 30 JUN - Moored Newport

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JULY 1971

- 1 JUL - Shift from DESRON 10 to DESRON 16
- 1 JUL - MYLES C. FOX (DD-829) designated Flagship for COMDESRON 16
- 1 JUL - Awards ceremony aboard FOX
- 7 JUL - COMDESRON 16 tours ship
- 15 JUL - Reenlistment ceremony aboard FOX
- 19 JUL - Underway for New York City  
Conducted various maneuvering, General Quarters, and  
Damage Control drills, as well as Anti-Submarine  
Warfare exercises
- 22 JUL - Moored Earle, New Jersey  
On load ammunition
- 23 JUL - Underway for New York City  
Moored New York City
- 26 JUL - Underway for Newport
- 28 JUL - Gunfire Support drills. Man overboard drills. General  
Quarters
- 29 JUL - Moored Newport

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AUGUST 1971

- 2 AUG - Awards ceremony aboard FOX
- 6 AUG - CAPT. J. L. ANDERSON relieved ACPT. C.E. JOHNSON  
as COMDESRON 16 at ceremonies on board FOX
- 9 AUG - Underway from Newport for Cape Kennedy, Florida
- 10 AUG - Conducted General Quarters and fire drills
- 12 AUG - Moored Port Canaveral, Cape Kennedy, Florida
- 13-14 AUG - Daily assistance to USS CASIMIR PULASKI (SSBN-633)  
who simulated firing Poseidon
- 16 AUG - FOX stands by as USS CASIMIR PULASKI fires Poseidon  
successfully
- 17 AUG - Underway from Port Canaveral, Florida
- 19 AUG - Moored Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
- 23 AUG - Arrival Inspection & Critique
- 25 AUG - Commenced Refresher Training Period
- 29 AUG - Ships party Cable Beach, GTMO

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SEPTEMBER 1971

- 9 SEP - Fired training torpedo during Refresher exercise
- 17 SEP - ASW ORI
- 18 SEP - Ships Party, GTMO
- 21 SEP - ORI Battle Problem  
Underway for Culebra Island
- 23 SEP - Gunfire Support Exercises and Qualification at  
Culebra Island  
Underway for NAVSTA, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
- 24 SEP - Moored Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico  
Underway for Newport, Rhode Island
- 27 SEP - Moored Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico after encountering  
Hurricane Ginger
- 28 SEP - Underway for Newport, Rhode Island



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OCTOBER 1971

- 2 OCT - Moored Newport, Rhode Island. Commenced TAV
- 12 OCT - Underway for Local Operations
- 14 OCT - Fired torpedo during ASW exercises
- 15 OCT - Moored Newport, Rhode Island
- 17 OCT - TAV completed



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NOVEMBER 1971

- 8 NOV - FOX contributed \$443.00 to Combined Federal Campaign
- 16 NOV - PMS Inspection aboard FOX
- 22 NOV - Commence TAV
- 28 NOV - (b) (3) (A)
- 29 NOV - COMDRUDES LANT - RADM WESCHLER visited FOX.

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DECEMBER 1971

- 10 DEC - Completed TAV
- 15 DEC - Underway for Prudence Island  
Moored Prudence Island. Commence Rearming  
Underway for Newport  
Moored Newport
- 17 DEC - FOX participated in Newport Naval Base Christmas  
Lighting ceremony
- 18 DEC - Dependents Briefing at the Naval Destroyer School  
for FOX personnel and dependents
- 30 DEC - ADMIN Inspection by COMDESRON 16

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ANNEX B

NARRATIVE HISTORY

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COMMAND ORGANIZATION

Commanding Officer: LCDR Gerald P. ASTORINO  
16 April 1971 - 31 December 1971

Homeport: Newport, Rhode Island

Homeyard: Boston Naval Shipyard, Boston, Mass.

Complement as of 31 December 1971:

Officers:	16
Chief Petty Officers:	13
Enlisted:	240



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### NARRATIVE HISTORY

#### INPORT PERIOD 1 JAN 71 - 11 MAR 71

The holiday period was especially enjoyable for all the members of the FOX crew. The forty day post-deployment and holiday standown was most welcome after the rigors of a five month cruise to South America.

Soon, however, work resumed in preparation for the coming three-month yard period. Stores were off loaded and compartments inspected. During February, the FOX crossed Narragansett Bay to Prudence Island. There all ammunition on board was removed. Complimentary remarks from the civilian employees were extended to FOX sailors for their efficient handling of the operation.

#### OVERHAUL PERIOD 11 MAR - 30 JUN 71

During the early morning hours of 12 March, the USS MYLES C. FOX slipped under the Newport Bridge on her way to the Boston Naval Shipyard. The journey to Boston was accomplished with the aid of the USS PENOBSCOT (ATF-188), which provided the necessary towing services. It was an unusually prolonged voyage for a destroyer, as the top speed throughout the trip was no more than 6 knots. The leisurely pace did provide camera fanatics with excellent opportunities for pictures of Buzzards Bay and the Cape Cod Canal. The final hours of the trip were perhaps the most beautiful, as the sun set behind a rising Boston skyline.

For three months the crew worked feverishly to revitalize the FOX. Old ships are dependable, but they need extra care. Thus, from mid-April until early June, the FOX sat entirely exposed to her workers in dry-dock #1. Inside and out, old paint was removed, and new coats of red and yellow were sprayed on the bare metal. Finally, the familiar haze gray colors were applied, returning the ship to her former appearance. The outstanding effort on the part of the crew was the important element to the successful completion of both sea trials and the yard period itself. On June 30th, MYLES C. FOX returned to her homeport ready to resume her role within the Atlantic Fleet.

While in Boston, the daily routine was interrupted several times for ceremonies honoring both the ship and her crew. On March 20th, the FOX played host to a number of important guests, as she celebrated her 26th Anniversary. Members of the family of First Lieutenant Myles C. Fox, USMC, for whom the ship was named, joined the crew in marking the event.



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A month later, on April 16th, command of the MYLES C. FOX was passed to LCDR Gerald P. ASTORINO. During impressive ceremonies held near dry-dock #1, CDR Joseph L. DICK, departing commanding officer of the ship, introduced LCDR ASTORINO to the dignitaries gathered for the occasion. CDR DICK moved on to become Executive Officer of the USS LITTLE ROCK (CLG 4).

At three other ceremonies, various members of the crew were honored for their contribution to both the Navy and their ship. Captain ASTORINO congratulated recipients of Navy Achievement Medals, Good Conduct Awards and advancement certificates. But, perhaps, the most pleasurable moment for LCDR ASTORINO was the presentation of the Bronze Star to his Executive Officer, LCDR Stanley C. KOZLOWSKI.

#### PREPARATION FOR GTMO - 30 JUN - 9 AUG 71

On the first of July the ship shifted from Destroyer Squadron 10 to Destroyer Squadron 16. At the same time we were designated Flagship for Commander Destroyer Squadron 16. The long Fourth-of July weekend was a welcome relief to the men of the FOX after the ship's demanding yard period. But, shortly, the crew returned to intensive training and preparation for the GTMO commitment. Final repairs were completed to troublesome equipment, and last minute supplies were procured.

During ten days of local operations, many of the new crew members received their initial "taste of the sea". Various maneuvering, GQ, and anti-submarine warfare exercises were conducted with the USS JOHN WILLIS prior to the FOX's arrival in New Jersey. On the morning of July 22nd, the ship moored alongside the piers at Earle to commence on-loading ammunition. The hard work of all hands allowed an early departure for the "Big City" and an enjoyable weekend of liberty. The FOX returned home on the 26th of the month and proceeded to complete preparations for GTMO.

Three days before departure, the FOX acted as host for the DESRON 16 change of command ceremony. Captain J.L. ANDERSON relieved Captain C.E. JOHNSON at the helm of the squadron. The ceremony provided a fitting climax to the pre-GTMO period, and drew compliments for the crew from the dignitaries present.

Finally, the moment arrived. On August 9th, friends and relatives of the crew bid the FOX farewell on her trip to GTMO.



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#### SPECIAL OPERATIONS OFF FLORIDA - 10 AUG - 17 AUG 1971

Prior to arrival in Cuba, the USS MYLES C. FOX assisted in a special operation with the nuclear-powered submarine USS CASIMIR PULASKI (SSBN-633) off Cape Canaveral, Florida. During both the two-day rehearsal and the actual firing of the Poseidon missile, the FOX acted as safety and observation ship for the operations. In addition, the ship entertained over 100 civilians for the spectacular shot on the 16th. Professional response on the part of FOX crew-members aided in the treatment of a civilian guest who became ill during the return to the Cape.

#### REFRESHER TRAINING GTMO - 17 AUG - 2 OCT 1971

On the 19th of August, the MYLES C. FOX arrived at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Four days later the refresher-training period began with a thorough Arrival Inspection. For the next month, long hours and hard work were commonplace. Communication drills; ASW drills; engineering drills; damage control drills; CIC drills; maneuvering drills - all repeated until proficiency was acquired. A satisfactory grade was earned on the ORI Battle Problem, and a relieved crew happily left Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, on the 21st of September. The 22nd was spent successfully completing both day and night gunfire support missions off Culebra Island. After a brief refueling stop at Roosevelt Roads, the USS MYLES C. FOX turned her bow north for Newport. Unfortunately, home was further away than anyone had imagined. A tempermental lady named Ginger, with 85 knot winds, forced the ship to return to Roosevelt Roads and added six extra days to the voyage home. A second attempt to skirt the storm was successful. The FOX returned to Newport on the 2nd of October, to the relief of friends and relatives waiting on the pier.

#### INPORT - 2 OCT - 31 DEC 1971

Most of the year's remaining three months was spent within the harbor of the Newport Naval Base. The only operation for the period was held between the 12th and 15th of October, when the FOX conducted highly successful ASW and gunnery exercises with the USS HUGH PURVIS (DD-709) and the USS LUCE (DLG-7). Otherwise, the time was devoted to the extensive preparations necessary for the forthcoming Middle East cruise. TAV periods, supply procurements, upkeep and repair kept all hands constantly occupied. The FOX enhanced her service record by satisfactory completion of three important inspections: PMS; (b) (3); ADMIN. After a final ammunition on-load at Prudence Island, the ship appeared ready in all respects for the prolonged deployment to the Indian Ocean.

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The holiday period brought joyous relief to the families and members of the FOX crew. But the season seemed oh so short when thoughts turned to 7 January and good-bye once again.

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